**The Dreaming**

The sacred stories of the Aboriginal peoples take place in a timeless world. They are given different names across regions. Some examples are: adjeringa, among the Arrernte of Central Australia; wonger in the Arnhem Land, jukurrpa or similar words in the Western Desert. These terms are often translated as ‘Dreaming’ or ‘Dreamings’.

Sometimes you will encounter the word ‘Dreamtime’. This term is misleading, as the Dreaming is not really a time at all. It is not something that happened in eh distant past. The Dreaming is still present in the parallel spirit world that has been called ‘everywhen’. This parallel world can be joined to the present world through rituals to celebrate the activities of Spirit-beings.

The Spirit-beings may be encountered in dreams in which new parts of the story and new rituals are communicated. We all know how ‘real some dreams can be, a modern psychology emphasises the way dreams put us in touch with the depths of our selves.

It is through their Dreamings that Aboriginal Peoples experience the wholes and the holiness of all aspects of life. They are born into a Dreaming and learn through initiation rituals what is means for their life. Sometimes they have special personal experiences that given them, they believe, power to heal illness or protect their group from harm.

**Instructions**

1. *Open Internet Explorer and go to* [*http://www.wordle.net/create*](http://www.wordle.net/create)
2. *Copy and paste the text above and click* ***go.***
3. *Click* ***Layout*** *(top menu) and click* ***Maximum Words****; type in the number of words that you used for your own Wordle.*
4. *Spend 5 or so minutes playing around with the font/colours to get the wordle to a point where you are happy with the look of it (use the* ***Font*** *and* ***Layout*** *menus)****.***
5. *In your books, record the words that appear on the printed Wordle that did not appear on yours.*
6. *Out of these words, are there any that you didn’t understand? Use* [*www.dictionary.com*](http://www.dictionary.com) *to look them up. Record any 3 in your books.*
7. *Briefly Read the following Dreaming Story; then, copy and paste it to produce a Wordle (use* ***Maximum Words*** *of 30-50, try different numbers to see what produces the best outcome for you) . Save the image (Print Screen if needed).*

[*http://www.expedition360.com/australia\_lessons\_literacy/2001/09/dreamtime\_stories\_the\_rainbow.html*](http://www.expedition360.com/australia_lessons_literacy/2001/09/dreamtime_stories_the_rainbow.html)